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Foreword

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ITS FUNCTIONS

The Institute gives a two year course leading to a Master's Degree and a four year course to a Doctor's Degree. Its primary functions are to train men for the textile industry, and to engage in research in subjects of interest to the textile industry. Since it is a graduate school, research in major problems of general interest to the textile industry forms the basis for both masters' theses and doctors' dissertations. All members of the Institute have access to these documents which as time goes on will form a valuable collection. Patents resulting from the investigations or originating from the staff or from any of the student body are the property of the Institute and will be available for license to members of the Institute.

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Each month member mills will receive copies of "Textile Technology Digest", which includes abstracts of articles appearing in current textile periodicals both domestic and foreign, of which the Institute will receive all that are published (subject at present to availability in wartime).

At intervals, when developments warrant, information will be sent to members in order that they may adapt these developments to their individual mill operation. Data developed by the staff or student body either as thesis material or by independent enterprise will be released quarterly in a publication to be called the Research Bulletin. This information will be sent to the membership at least six months prior to publication. Publication may be delayed at the request of a member for a longer period to protect new processes or products during the experimental stage.

AIDS TO MEMBER MILLS

Technical conferences for representatives of member mills will be held at frequent intervals on pertinent subjects. The staff of the Institute will be available for cooperation in the introduction of any Institute development in member mills.

The staff and unusual equipment and facilities of the Institute will offer unexcelled opportunities for investigation under research projects in special problems of interest to the sponsor. Only those textile mills who are members of the Institute are entitled to undertake research work at the Institute. Projects are carried on confidentially and any resulting findings or patents are the property of the sponsor. Project costs are determined in each individual case by the nature and extent of the problem, the personnel and equipment involved. Such enterprises are undertaken on a cost plus basis.

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